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In re Application of:

Donald R. ELLIS et al.

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For: SELF-HEALING LINK SWITCHED
RING FOR ATM TRAFFIC

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicant responds to the Requirement for Restriction dated May 15, 2004. In addition, prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections beginning on page 5 of this paper.